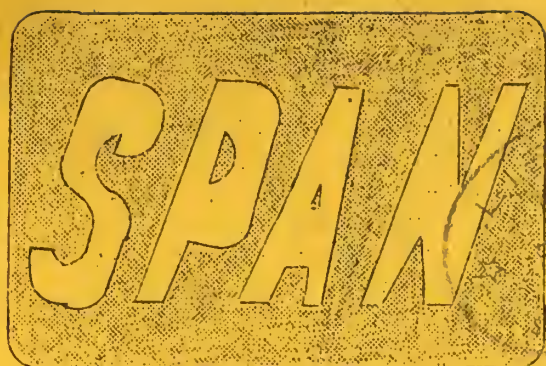


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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS BRINGS REA RESPONSE

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HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE TO THE RED CROSS?

While it may be too early to point with pride to the pledges made by REA in the Red Cross Drive, we can really boast of the work which many have been doing on the Volunteer side of the ledger.

A week ago the Red Cross issued a call for volunteer workers to help in the preparation of the kit bags which are supplied the boys when they go across. Before all Divisions could be canvassed the quota called for had been more than filled, with the Finance Division going all out for high score, and that night we received credit for packing some 168,000 envelopes. When the call went out again this week an even greater number responded, with the Management Division heading the list and Personnel and Legal Divisions as runners-up. Our credit for that night's work was 275,000 envelopes made ready to slip into the bags.

Mrs. Anita K. Hynes, Director, Production Service, Red Cross, has written to Mrs. Jeannette Koechling, Chairman of the Red Cross activities for REA, a note of appreciation and it seems timely to quote her letter in part:

"The girls did very fine work and it was a surprise to us that they were able to do so much in so little time. Their spirit of helpfulness was outstanding and we wish them to know that we are most grateful for their assistance. We know that we can count on them any time to help us in an emergency."

From the number of envelopes tied one can estimate the number of kit packs prepared for our soldiers, as the envelopes are but one of the many things which go into these handy bags - razor blade, shaving cream, shoe laces, writing materials and the little necessities compactly stored for use on the voyage - and the amount of work necessary before the kit is complete. Much of this work must be done by volunteer workers because of the inability to obtain paid employees at this time. A few hours each week contributed to this or some other activity carried on by the Red Cross will give one a fair idea of the tremendous good done for our soldiers and also for many other people who are not as fortunate as we.

It must be remembered, however, that much of the good done and many of the services rendered can not be accomplished by volunteer service only but must be paid for by the funds contributed. IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED YOUR PLEDGE, DO IT TODAY!

BOWLING STANDINGS AS OF MARCH 4, 1944

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE

Team Name	Won	Lost	Per Cent	Average	High Game	High Set
Five Aces	28	14	.667	655	783	2256
Managettes	26	16	.619	646	831	2378
Loan Sharks	25	17	.595	707	855	2433
Designers	24	18	.571	660	770	2118
Managers	23	19	.548	642	728	2061
Bookies	18	24	.429	592	822	2332
Operettes	17	25	.405	581	729	2060
Crickettes	7	35	.167	551	706	2014

THURSDAY LEAGUE

Legallettes	25	17	.595	661	817	2370
Billetttes	25	17	.595	628	821	2366
Solicitors	24	18	.571	757	899	2470
Administrators	22	20	.524	706	840	2363
Figurettes	22	20	.524	614	850	2276
Raters	19	23	.452	715	847	2293

DIDJAKNOWTHAT

The burning question of the day..."Are you moving and where?" We've tried in vain to discover That Man's formula but have reached the conclusion it is only eenie, meenie, minie, moe and if you are not at your desk when he is assailed by a great idea it is just too bad - you jest ain't got any desk. Pop Vardy has reached the point where he is cutting paper dolls but the Engineers are jubilant - no longer do they have to alibi if the stenogs sit on their knees and 'tis rumored that the next job descriptions for D&C secretaries are to carry the size of the femme which will fill the allotted space as well as the job - some fun. Of course, That Man has his troubles, too - as witness the conversion of the elevators into padded cells. Pvt. V. Aiken, looking very natty and trim in her uniform, has been doing the rounds for the past few days as the guest of Emily Wetjen. Many of her old friends gathered for a luncheon and from all reports Vivian kept them in a gale of laughter from her description of what being a WAC really means and just what it can do to one's feet. If there is anything in the way of real work which one may have missed in their previous life, V. assures us the WAC training will soon have you caught up on anything lacking and she can also tell you just what not to tell them as to your ability when joining that worthy Corps. Merle Smedburg, D&C, writes he is now assigned to the S. S. Augusta and after a year in school is just finding out which is port and starboard, while Fred Liquin is as happy as a clam because he has now been commissioned in Uncle Sam's Navy. The Head of Statistics demands a retraction - claims he is no wolf or Don Juan and is offering ample proof that he is a staunch defender of womanhood (especially if under 30) and is a fair mixture of Lord Chesterfield and Don Quixote with just a soupcon of Sir Galahad thrown in for good measure - gals, the line forms to the right. Some six months ago when Sam Hawkins, Field Auditor, was attending meetings in St. L. he received the unhappy news that one of his sons who is a member of a bomber crew, had been shot down over Germany. It was something Sam couldn't talk about but today it is another story for at long last comes a card saying he is now in a German prison camp but is well and they must not worry. And did you see the news reel of the 4th Marines finding the cached beer on an island in the So. Pacific. Bud O'Shaughnessy had written all about it and while we can't vouch for this story they say J.K.O'S. sat thru four reels in the hopes that Buddy would be in the next one. Unless one is prepared to go into ecstasies over baby's picture,

baby's weight or babies in general, keep away from Personnel - infant comparison has now become their favorite indoor sport. 'ROUND THE TOWN: Ethel Johnson doing her bit every Monday night at the Red Cross Victory Booth at Stix-Baer's and also contributing liberally of her time to the USO. Charlie Moore able to sit up and wanting to go home but the medicos won't let him; Reggie Cole relaxing after an operation and reported on the up and up; J. Levin on the bus - reading and reading and making notes - the book is by Dale Carnegie; Trimble and Burtis graduating from the dummy class in bowling; A. Walters searching for the culprit who ate his peanuts and left the shells; Charlie "Mac" sporting his new gray Fedora and white gloves; K. McWhorter, D&C, field man, back after a long illness with an assignment to keep Ossie Briden calm and unperturbed - he'll probably now have a nervous breakdown; Ethel Moody pretty proud of the postal service between here and Italy where her soldier husband is stationed with the Radio Division; Bill Wise now in uniform and H. Lamberton quite set-up after being OK'd by Uncle Sam; a new attorney for the 5th floor - David W. Straus; Betty Kassenbaum, Legaler, leaving REA for the "home front" and Betty Harris of A&L shaking off the "dust" of St. L. for Orlando, Fla.; J. Tribbey, A&L, turning the day all around with midnight parties; V. Kallemeier chasing what she calls a hat all over Grand Blvd. and just when she was doing her boy-scout act for the day - Red Crossing Mr. and Mrs. Bob Piper doin' the town while she is visiting, and another former REA gal Jo Blades, now a Red Cross Worker somewhere in Sicily, made the RED BOOK for March, page 19.

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FRIDAY LEAGUE (March 4, 1944)

Team Name	Won	Lost	Per Cent	Average	High Game	High Set
Auditors	27	15	.643	694	826	2335
Boatmen's Best	27	15	.643	679	780	2225
Engineers	23	19	.548	620	753	2127
Adminettes	23	19	.548	593	748	2118
Cooperettes	18	24	.429	569	814	2157
Amateurettes	18	24	.429	546	751	2192
Constructors	17	25	.405	615	805	2116
Ruralettes	15	27	.357	563	703	2006

MEN

High Average.....Bullock, 165
High GameBurns, 224
High SetO'Reilly, 569

WOMEN

High AverageKallemeier, 156
High GameReno, 246
High SetKallemeier, 581